

## House Resolution No. 2650

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators whose contributions of time and energy help ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

**Whereas**, William E. Gribbins of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Senior Army Instructor with the Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps in the Malden R-I School District, a leadership calling that he will draw to a close on June 30, 2008, in well-deserved retirement after eight years of service; and

**Whereas**, Senior Army Instructor William Gribbins guided his Cadet battalion through three formal inspections that resulted in the program earning Honor Unit with Distinction twice and Honor Unit once; and

**Whereas**, William Gribbins retired from the United States Army after twenty years in which he served as Battery Commander, Battery Executive Officer, Battalion Adjutant, Public Affairs Officer, and member of the 101st Airborne Division and the 3rd Armored Division; and

**Whereas**, no stranger to honors and accolades, William Gribbins is a Desert Shield and Desert Storm veteran who earned a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Army Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, and a Kuwait Liberation Medal; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Kentucky Colonels Association, William Gribbins is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Monique Gribbins and loving father of Robert Gribbins, Billy Gribbins, and Sarah Gribbins; and

**Whereas**, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri citizens as Senior Army Instructor William Gribbins at momentous times in their lives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Senior Army Instructor William Gribbins and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to William E. Gribbins of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Tom Todd  
District No. 163

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 2650, adopted May 6, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker